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SUBJECT: Information on Boundaries of Paraguay

Upon receipt of the Department's A-52 of October 30, 1953, the Embassy addressed the Foreign Office requesting information on the pertinent segments of the Paraguayan boundary. Although this matter was mentioned again to the Foreign Office some three months ago as one of the outstanding unanswered notes, no answer has been received.

The Embassy today visited the office of the Instituto Geográfico Militar and in an informal approach, asked them for any new maps or any new information or official publications in regard to the Paraguay-Argentina boundary in the vicinity of 24° S 60° W, the Paraguay-Brazil boundary in the vicinity of 24° S 55° W, as well as the Paraguay-Bolivia boundary.

Although the Paraguayan officer in charge was cooperative in spirit, discussing the rigors of the Chaco campaign at some length, and expatiating upon the extreme difficulties of mapping these isolated areas, the sum total of the result of this conversation was zero. He insisted that although they were working, there was no specific information in regard to these areas which he could offer, nor were there any recent documents or official publications concerning these boundaries.

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Information on Boundaries of Paraguay

The American Embassy, Asunción

The Embassy is requested to provide the Department's Special Assistant for Maps with information that is available regarding the status of specific segments of the boundaries of Paraguay with its neighbors, shown by red symbols on the enclosed map entitled "Latin American Status of Boundaries". At the time of compilation of this map (1946), the boundary and segments that are shown in red were presumably in the "demarcation in progress" category.

The Department's information regarding these boundaries is not adequate. It is desired particularly that information be received that will define the current status of the entire Paraguay-Bolivia boundary and each of the following segments:

1. Paraguay-Argentina boundary.

   The segment in the vicinity of 24°S., 60°W.

2. Paraguay-Brazil boundary.

   A segment in the vicinity of 24°S., 55°W.

It will be appreciated if the Embassy finds it feasible to obtain a statement from an appropriate Paraguayan Government agency giving that agency's interpretation of the present status of each boundary or segment. The Instituto Geográfico Militar would be a possible source of such a statement and of information on existing demarcation maps. Copies of any recent documents that concern the boundary, especially any official publications, would be of considerable value.

If the Embassy wishes to portray graphically any information it has for forwarding to the Department, the enclosed map entitled "Paraguay", 1:3,500,000, may be used.

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3. Instructions are being sent also to Lavas, Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro, requesting that information on the boundaries of each of the three countries with Paraguay be obtained from the Governments of Bolivia, Argentina and Brazil, respectively.

Enclosures:

2 maps.

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